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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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9 MICHAEL ALLAN CLARK,

10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 DWIGHT NEVEN, et al.,

13 Respondents.

Case No. 2:11-CV-00585-KJD-(LRL)

**ORDER**

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15 Petitioner, who is in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, has  
16 submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis (#1), a motion for leave to file a petition  
17 longer than normal (#3), and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.  
18 The court finds that petitioner is not able to pay the filing fee. The court grants petitioner's motion  
19 to file a long petition. The court has reviewed the petition, and petitioner will need to file an  
20 amended petition on the court's form.

21 Rule 2(d) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District  
22 Courts and this court's local rule LSR 3-1 require a petitioner proceeding pro se to use the court's  
23 form when filing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner did not comply with this rule, and  
24 that has caused multiple problems. First, in many of the grounds for relief petitioner refers to other  
25 pages. For example, ground 8 refers to pages 11 through 14, and pages 16 through 20. Second,  
26 different grounds refer to the same pages. For example, grounds 8, 10, and 11 refer to the same  
27 pages. The court will not jump back and forth through the petition, trying to determine which facts  
28 apply to which grounds, and the court will not require respondents to do the same; doing so would

1 only lead to confusion over what petitioner's claims actually are. In an amended petition, petitioner  
2 will need to allege the facts that relate to each ground separate from all other grounds. Third, much  
3 of the petition is legal argument. Pursuant to Rule 2(c) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases  
4 in the United States District Courts, petitioner need only specify his grounds for relief and state the  
5 facts that support each ground. See Mayle v. Felix, 545 U.S. 644, 649 (2005). Legal argument is  
6 unnecessary in a petition. Petitioner should omit legal argument in his amended petition.

7 Petitioner has submitted a motion to extend prison copywork limit (#2). Petitioner  
8 does not have a right to free photocopying. Johnson v. Moore, 942 F.2d 517 (9th Cir. 1991).  
9 However, a court can order a prison to provide limited photocopying when it is necessary for an  
10 inmate to provide copies to the court and other parties.

11 The court is not convinced that even limited photocopying is necessary at this time.  
12 In addition to the indigent inmate photocopying allowance, Nevada prisons also make carbon paper  
13 available for copies. Administrative Regulation 722. Petitioner has not alleged how carbon paper is  
14 inadequate for any pleadings, motions, or responses which he might file and serve. He does note  
15 that he might need to photocopy exhibits, but no such necessity currently exists. Pursuant to Rule 5  
16 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, respondents need to  
17 provide with their answer appellate briefs and orders, as well as pertinent portions of the transcripts.  
18 If, after respondents file and serve their answer or other response with their supporting exhibits, it  
19 becomes necessary for petitioner to file and serve his own exhibits, the court will then entertain a  
20 motion for petitioner to exceed the prison's limit on indigent photocopy work.

21 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's application to proceed in forma  
22 pauperis (#1) is **GRANTED**.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion for leave to file a petition  
24 longer than normal (#3) is **GRANTED**. The clerk of the court shall file the petition for a writ of  
25 habeas corpus.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion to extend prison copywork  
27 limit (#2) is **DENIED**.

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1                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of the court shall send petitioner a  
2 petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 form with instructions. Petitioner  
3 shall have thirty (30) days from the date that this order is entered in which to file an amended  
4 petition to correct the noted deficiencies. Failure to comply with this order will result in the  
5 dismissal of this action.

6                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner shall clearly title the amended petition  
7 as such by placing the word “AMENDED” immediately above “Petition for a Writ of Habeas  
8 Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254” on page 1 in the caption, and petitioner shall place the docket  
9 number, 2:11-CV-00585-KJD-(LRL), above the word “AMENDED.”

10                  IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall add Catherine Cortez Masto,  
11 Attorney General for the State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents.

12                  IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk shall electronically serve upon  
13 respondents a copy of the petition. Respondents’ counsel shall enter a notice of appearance herein  
14 within twenty (20) days of entry of this order, but no further response shall be required from  
15 respondents until further order of the court.

16                  DATED: June 6, 2011



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18                  KENT J. DAWSON  
19                  United States District Judge

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